Mothra vs. Bagan

Book version

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Thousands of years ago, a giant monster terrorized ancient China. The demon monster known as Bagan rose to destroy the world's forests and everything living in them.

Although an ancient clan of Mothra were able to defeat the creature, legend passed down through the ages claimed that the "primordial dragon" would rise again. In the present day of 1990, the glacier containing Bagan melts from rising global temperatures, and the monster sets its sights on humanity. However, standing in Bagan's way is Mothra, a giant insect monster that acts as Earth's guardian.

Mothra confronts Bagan at the Thailand-Malaysia border and momentarily manages to drive him away. The two monsters then meet again, this time in Bangkok, where Bagan surprise attacks Mothra from the skies as she is retrieving the Shobijin.

Mothra is mortally wounded by Bagan's assault, and in a last-ditch effort, uses a poison powder attack to severely weaken Bagan, enough to allow her to carry him away from the city. Some distance away in Borneo, a gigantic egg is formed by the song of the Shobijin, and it soon hatches an infant Mothra, which crawls to help its mother.

The three monsters then engage in one last battle for the sake of the world. Fortunately, with their combined strength, Mothra and her larva are able to best Bagan, and the adult carries Bagan's unconscious body out to sea where she seals him away again. As she dies, her body dances from the skies onto the surface of the water, where she drifts on spread, vivid wings.

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